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SUBJ: BHUTTO VISIT TO THE SHAH, DECEMBER 26-27

1. BHUTTO MADE FLYING "PRIVATE" VISIT TO THE SHAH FOR WHAT WAS
BILLED IN LOCAL PRESS AS ONE OF THE USUAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE
TWO HEADS OF STATE. MFA SOURCES HAVE BEEN CLOSE-MOUTHED ON
SPECIFICS OF VISIT, PLEADING THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED.
PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR KHATTAK FILLED IN CHARGE, HOWEVER, ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES.

2. SHAH AND BHUTTO HAD NORMAL TOUR D'HORIZON, COVERING SUCH
THINGS AS PERSIAN GULF, INDIAN OCEAN, DEFENSE, ECONOMIC AID,
AND OIL POLICIES. RELATIONS CONTINUE TO BE "ALL MILK AND HONEY"
BETWEEN TWO RULERS.

3. KHATTAK SAID SHAH AND BHUTTO HAD SPECULATED TOGETHER ON
POLICIES OF NEXT US ADMINISTRATION. BOTH WERE UNCERTAIN WHAT
THESE WOULD BE, AND HOPED CONSTRUCTIVE SIGNS WOULD BE
FORTHCOMING SOON.

4. PAKISTAN STILL IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT INDIAN
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NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES, AMBASSADOR CONTINUED. IT IS ALL
VERY WELL FOR OTHERS TO SAY PAKISTAN SHOULD NOT WORRY
ABOUT THIS, BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO ADOPT SUCH AN ATTITUDE
WHEN YOU ARE PAKISTAN WITH THE INDIANS FACING YOU.

5. KHATTAK SAID IRAN WILL CONTINUE TO HELP PAKISTAN WITH

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, BUT GAVE NO DETAILS OF ANY NEW
POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS. HE DID SPECIFY IRAN WILL PROBABLY
PROVIDE PAKISTAN 100,000 TONS OF OIL FREE OF CHARGE. HE
SAID SAUDIS WILL HELP PAKISTAN WITH OIL TOO.

6. FINALLY, KHATTAK TOLD CHARGE HE HIMSELF WAS THE SOURCE
FOR WHAT LITTLE APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS ABOUT THE VISIT.
HE HAD BEEN THE ONE TO DO THE BRIEFING.
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